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SUBJ: MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN FONMINS IN BOGOTA: COMMENTS
BY FONMINS OF VENEZUELA AND COLOMBIA.

1. FONMIN CALVANI REMARKED TO PRESS AT AIRPORT NOVEMBER 4 WHILE AWAITING ARRIVAL OF FONMIN VAZQUEZ CARRIZOSA (VISITING TO DISCUSS VENEZUELAN-COLOMBIAN TERRITORIAL BOUNDARY DISPUTE) THAT HE FEELS MEETING SHOULD BE POSTPONED "BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED AT IT." HE ADDED THAT POSTPONEMENT WOULD GIVE MORE TIME TO ACHIEVE A CONSENSUS FOR A DIALOGUE WITH THE US, BUT INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE UP TO COLOMBIA TO DECIDE IF THE FONMINS MEETING SHOULD BE DEFERRED.

2. FONMIN VAZQUEZ TOLD PRESS ON ARRIVAL THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM SECRETARY EXPRESSING HIS HOPE THAT MEETING WILL BE A SUCCESS AND US DESIRE TO MAINTAIN A DIALOGUE WITH THE COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AT THE CONFERENCE. VAZQUEZ ADDED THAT THE SECRETARY WILL NOT ATTEND THE MEETING BECUASE "IT IS ONLY FOR LATIN AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS" (SIC). VAZQUEZ WAS ALSO QUOTED AS STATING THAT UP TO THAT TIME THERE WAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THE MEETING WILL BE POSTPONED.

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